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## DECLARATION OF PRIOR INVENTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.132

I Robert Sackstein declare and state:

- I am the sole inventor of the subject matter described and claimed in United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/042,421, filed October 18, 2001 ("the '421 application"), entitled "Hematopoietic Cell E-Selectin/ L-Selectin Ligand Polypeptides and Methods of Use Thereof".
- 2. In the September 7, 2006 Office Action in the above referenced patent application, the Examiner cited, *inter alia*, the following publication: Dimitroff et al., PNAS, 97:13841-13846 (2000) ("<u>Dimitroff</u>"). This Declaration is to establish that the <u>Dimitroff</u> publication does not describe an invention that was known or used by others before invention by applicant under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a).
- 3. I am a co-author of <u>Dimitroff</u> <u>Dimitroff</u> describes my own work to the extent it provides experimental details of a study that was performed as a result of my ideas.
- 4. The services of the other authors on the publication (Dimitroff, Lee and Fuhlbrigge) were retained to carry out experimental work disclosed in the above journal article under my direction and my direct supervision.
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